

**Amendments to the Specification.**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 7, the last paragraph, amend to read:

-- Fig. 2 shows a the needle portion 54, which forms a tissue penetration device. It will be appreciated that a tip 60 of the needle portion 54, defined at the free end 62 of the needle portion 54, is typically sharp, to facilitate penetration of tissue to be sutured, and pointed. In the embodiment shown, the tip 60 is straight. Instead, the tip 60 may be curved at any radius, or of corkscrew form. Naturally, however, the tip 60 of the needle portion 54 may be of any suitable shape. --

On page 13, the paragraph beginning on line 11, amend to read:

-- The needle portion 204 includes a tissue drive device in the form of a jaw element 216 which is mounted at the end 210 of the needle portion 204 closely spaced from the needle tip 212 to be selectively laterally outwardly and inwardly displaceable relative to the needle tip 212 to grasp and push tissue over the needle tip 212. --